

## The Expanding World of Nanofabrication – *an update from NanoFabrication Kingston*

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Good day,

You are receiving this important update as a user of NFK, as a supervisor of a user, or as someone who requested to receive these updates.

### **Holiday break**

NFK will be closed from **Dec. 22 at 4:30 pm** until **Jan. 4, 2020**. The equipment will be shut down during this period, so please plan your experiments accordingly. During the week of Jan. 4-8, annual maintenance activities will keep the equipment occupied at various times. Please email me ahead of time if you need access to specific equipment that week so I can plan the maintenance around your schedule, if possible.

### **COVID-19 update**

NFK was authorized to re-open in May after a brief shutdown period due to the pandemic. We donated much of our PPE to local hospitals, but have since (almost completely) restocked our shelves. NFK remains open and ready to support your research with some restrictions detailed [here](#). If you have any questions or would like to schedule some time in the lab, please email me.

### **Sputter news**

Unfortunately, there isn't much news. The sputter system remains down due to a vacuum leak. We are still awaiting a part that was expected in September, with a new estimated delivery date of next week.

### **We want to hear from you**

NFK is always interested in hearing about your research. Has your work at NFK led to a publication or conference presentation? If so, please let us know. We are constantly updating our [list](#) of peer-reviewed journal articles showcasing work done at NFK. We also welcome feedback about our tools and services. Feel free to forward your questions, concerns, complaints, or praise to [me](#), and I will do my best to respond.

See you at the lab!

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